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SUBJECT: APRIL 10 SYRIAN MEDIA REPORTING ON LEBANON

1. MORNING DAMASCUS BROADCAST REPORTED CONTINUATION
OF POLITICAL CONTACTS IN LEBANON TO ENHANCE SECURITY
IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

2. AL-THAWRAH HEADLINED: "TODAY, MEETING TO AMEND
LEBANESE CONSTITUTION AMIDST OPTIMISM THAT PARLIAMENT
WILL SUCCEED. INFORMED SOURCES IN BEIRUT EMPHASIZE
ALL APRTIES HAVE AGREED TO PROPOSALS PERTAINING TO
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT." ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE NOTED
THAT PARLIAMENTARY MEETING TODAY VIEWED AS "BEGINNING
OF FURTHER STEPS ON ROAD TO POLITICAL SETTLEMENT,"
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AND ADDED THAT "ALL PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO PROPOSALS
PERTAINING TO POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL BE
FORMALIZED WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS". ARTICLE CITED
OPTIMISM OF OBSERVERS AS RESULT OF LIFTING OF FOOD

BLOCKADE IMPOSED ON VARIOUS SECTIONS OF BEIRUT AND
OF STATEMENTS BY JUMBLATT AND GEMAYEL THAT THEY AGREE
UPON NECESSITY OF AMENDING CONSTITUTION AND ELECTING
NEW PRESIDENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. THAWRAH CITED AFP DISPATCH FROM BEIRUT THAT
JUMBLATT AND AMB. BROWN HAD MET AND HAD DESCRIBED
MEETING AS BENEFICIAL. REPORT ADDED THAT THEY
DECIDED TO REMAIN IN DIRECT CONTACT.

4. AL-THAWRAH, ONLY PAPER PUBLISHED TODAY, CONTAINED
NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON LEBANON.
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